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COUNTY LIBRARY NEEDS MORE ADULT LITERACY TUTORS
Learners Waiting for Volunteers to Help Them with Reading and Writing Skills

San Diego County Library's adult literacy program, LEARN (Libraries Empower All to Read Now), is seeking more volunteers to be trained as tutors and get ready to change someone's life dramatically. The list is long of learners who are awaiting tutors to work with them in gaining the reading and writing skills that will help them accomplish their goals at home, at work, and in their communities.

Staff members provide tutors training and continual support. LEARN matches English-speaking adult learners with trained volunteer tutors, creating a team that works together for a minimum of six months. The program is entirely learner-centered; each learner has an individual curriculum, based on individual goals; some want to help children with schoolwork, others to get a promotion at work, others simply to read the newspaper.

Tutor/learner pairs meet for 90 minutes twice weekly in the friendly atmosphere of a County Library branch. For a list of the 32 County Library system locations, see: www.sdcl.org or the government section of the phone directory, under "San Diego – County of – Libraries."

There are many causes for learners' struggles. For many, English is a new language that they have worked diligently to learn, but have yet to master. Others were promoted from grade to grade in school without a proper diagnosis of a learning disability, and have gone through their lives masking their difficulties. LEARN gives them a great new chance to reach their full potential.

Upcoming Tutor Training sessions are scheduled at four branch locations:

•Wednesday, Aug. 2, and Thursday, Aug. 3, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. El Cajon Branch Library, 201 E. Douglas Ave., El Cajon (Two parts in two evenings)

•Saturday, Aug. 12, 10:00 a.m.. – 4:00 p.m. Vista Branch Library, 700 Eucalyptus Ave., Vista.

•Saturday, Aug. 26, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bonita Branch Library. 4375 Bonita Rd., Bonita.

•Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., El Cajon Branch Library, 201 E. Douglas Ave., El Cajon.

"Call us at (888) 466-0668 or email us at learnstaff@sdcounty.ca.gov with questions and to sign up for tutor training," says Literacy Coordinator Amanda Schukle." Find us online at: www.sdcl.org/Literacy_Main.html. You can make a significant difference in the life of an adult, his or her family, and your community!"